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SUBJ: POSSIBLE MEXICAN AND ARGENTINE AGREEMENTS WITH CEMA

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1. SUMMARY - THE CEMA SECRETARIATE IN MOSCOW (AND THE SOVIETS) APPEAR TO BE PUSHING EARLY CONCLUSION OF CEMA AGREEMENTS WITH MEXICO AND ARGENTINA. IN FORMAT ACCORDS WILL PROBABLY RESEMBLE THAT CONCLUDED WITH IRAQ EARLY IN JULY. SIGNATURE WOULD GIVE CEMA FORMAL AGREEMENTS WITH FOUR NON-COMMUNIST COUNTRIES. END SUMMARY.

2. IN THE WAKE OF SIGNATURE OF FIRST CEMA AGREEMENT

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WITH THIRD-WORLD COUNTRY, IRAQ, JULY 4, SOVIET

PRESS HAS NOW REPORTED ADVANCED NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN CEMA AND MEXICO AND ALSO FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS WITH ARGENTINA.

3. PRAVDA JULY 31 STATES THAT MEXICAN AMBASSADOR FLORES-OLEA MET ON JULY 30 WITH CEMA EXECUTIVE SECRETARY FADDEYEV AND REACHED AGREEMENT ON A "PROJECT FOR COOPERATION" WHICH WILL NOW BE SUBMITTED TO THE APPROPRIATE ORGANS IN CEMA AND MEXICO FOR SIGNATURE. TALKS SAID TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN ATMOSPHERE OF FRIENDSHIP AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING. THE FLORES-FADDEYEV MEETING PARALLELED MEETINGS IN MOSCOW BETWEEN A VISITING MEXICAN CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION AND LEADERS OF THE SUPREME SOVIET.

4. ARGENTINA TALKS WERE ANNOUNCED AS A MEETING ON AUGUST 1 BETWEEN FADDEYEV AND ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR SOZIO AT THE LATTER'S REQUEST FOR "DISCUSSIONS ON SUBJECTS OF MUTUAL INTEREST".

5. COMMENT - NOW THAT COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH IRAQ HAS PROVIDED PRECEDENT FOR CEMA TIES WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, WE BELIEVE CEMA SECRETARIAT (AND SOVIETS) WILL PUSH FORWARD WITH CONCLUSION OF AGREEMENTS WITH MEXICO AND ARGENTINA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. AS NOTED IN REFTEL AND FROM TEXT OF SOVIET ANNOUNCEMENT, MEXICAN AGREEMENT IS FULLY DRAFTED AND MERELY NEEDS FINAL APPROVAL AND SIGNATURE. INITIATIVE FOR LINK WITH ARGENTINA WAS MADE IN MAY 1974 DURING VISIT OF LARGE DELEGATION LED BY MINISTER OF ECONOMY GELBARD. PROVISIONS WILL PROBABLY RESEMBLE THOSE ACCEPTED BY IRAQ AND FINLAND, INVOLVING JOINT COMMISSIONS AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS TAILORED TO PARTICULAR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS. END COMMENT

6. WITH CONCLUSION OF AGREEMENTS WITH THESE TWO LATIN AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS, CEMA WILL HAVE FORMAL AGREEMENTS WITH FOUR NON-COMMUNIST COUNTRIES, THREE OF THEM THIRD-WORLD.

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